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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Costantino et al.
Serial No: 09/864,817
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For: DISPERSIBLE, METAL OXIDE-COATED, BARIUM
TITANATE MATERIALS
Examiner: Rebecca A. Blanton
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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 22, 2002, Applicants have the following Remarks.

REMARKS

Applicants are filing herewith a Request for Continued Examination and an Information Disclosure Statement. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration. Claims 1-10 remain pending.

Examiner Interview

Applicants thank Examiner Blanton for the courtesies extended during a telephone interview on July 3, 2002. Applicants are responding to the Office Action in a manner consistent with the arguments presented during the interview.

Rejection of Claims 1-4 and 9-10 under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-4 and 9-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP 05-330824 (Egami) in view of U.S. 5,082,811 (Bruno). The Office Action states that Egami fails to teach coating barium titanate particles. The Office Action further states that it would have